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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has initiated a status review of the flat-tailed horned lizard (*Phrynosoma mcallii*) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6, and is providing this notice pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.4 to solicit data and comments on the petitioned action from interested and affected parties.

The Department has initiated status review following related action by the Fish and Game Commission. Having provided notice, the flat-tailed horned lizard is now a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act (Cal. Reg. Notice Reg. 2013, No. 52-Z, pp. 2085-2092; see also Fish & G. Code, §§ 2074.2, 2085).

The Department has 12 months to review the petition, evaluate the available information, and report back to the Commission whether or not the petitioned action is warranted (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.6). The Department's recommendation must be based on the best scientific information available to the Department.

Therefore, **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that anyone with data or comments on the species' ecology, genetics, life history, distribution, abundance, habitat, the degree and immediacy of threats to reproduction or survival, adequacy of existing management, and recommendations for management of the species, is hereby requested to provide such data or comments to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Nongame Wildlife Program
Attn: Laura Patterson
1812 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95811

Please submit two hard copies if submitting by surface mail.
Comments may also be sent via email to: wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov. If submitting by email, please include "flat-tailed horned lizard" in the subject heading.

Responses and information received by **September 14, 2015** will be evaluated for possible incorporation in the Department's final report to the Fish and Game Commission. The Department's written report will indicate, based on the best scientific information available, whether the Department concludes that the petitioned action is warranted or not warranted. Receipt of the report will be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Commission after delivery. The report will be made available to the public at that time. Following receipt of the Department's report, the Commission will allow a 30-day public comment period prior to taking any action on the Department's recommendation.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Patterson at 916-341-6981 or the Department via email at wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov or at the address above.

As a candidate species, the flat-tailed horned lizard receives the same legal protection afforded to an endangered or threatened species (Fish & G. Code, § 2085). Research on flat-tailed horned lizard requires appropriate permits issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a). Interested researchers should contact Laura Patterson at Laura.Patterson@wildlife.ca.gov for more information. Detection information on flat-tailed horned lizard should be sent to the California Natural Diversity Data Base <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/>.